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In re Application of: Mark C. Caron

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For: A Reusable Vacuum Bag and Method of its Use

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Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

☐ Together with the present application.

☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]

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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

☒ No separate requirements are needed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) or 1.97(d)

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[] This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s). , filed . The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

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